

Love One Another

Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity.
"A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; even as I have loved you, that ye love one another. By this all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:34-35.
Yes this is a new commandment. It commands a new kind of love. Christ says, "Love one another as I have loved you." This is entirely different from the love among human beings that is dependent upon the object of the love for motivation. Human beings love those people that please them. There is in this an element of selfishness. It is the pretty face or the fine figure or the pleasant nature or some other personal quality that arouses and sustains the love. But in Christ's love to us it is a result of His loving nature. His is an entirely unselfish love.

This love that he here commands is of a better kind and a larger amount than what human beings usually call love. It is to be, he says, "As I have loved you." That indicates both the amount and the quality.

Such love cannot be acted or pretended. Its presence is evidence of a new kind of life. The Christian becomes partaker of divine nature. "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature; Old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." God brings about a change in the heart of those who become his disciples. He has promised, "A new heart also will I give you and a new spirit will I put within you . . ." Ezk. 36:26. And when he is permitted to fulfill this promise it shows itself in a new life of love. It is a renewal of the image of God which shows itself in love because "God is love."

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples . . ." How about you? Can others recognize you as a child of God by the love you have for the other Christians? Tertullian writes that the heathen in the early days of the Christian Church were astounded by what they saw in the Christians and said "Behold how they love one another and how they are ready to die for each other." This was a sharp contrast to their own lives because Tertullian says of them that they hated each other and sought to kill each other.

The word of God is emphatic in showing the distinctiveness of Christian love. A true Christian is concerned about the physical and eternal welfare of others. This love is what the world needs so desperately today. And this love must come to the world through the Christians. "Hereby perceive we the love of God because He laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good and seeth his brother in need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." I Jn. 3:17-18.

Let us heed the admonition John gives us, "Let us love one another for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God for God is love." I Jn. 4:7-8. We get an idea what it should look like when we read from I Cor. 13, "Love suffereth long and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself; is not puffed up; does not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not provoked." This is the way your life should look to your fellow men. Then will they know that you have been with Jesus.

—J. S. S.

YOU MAY . . .

Hope for eternal life as the rich young ruler!
Give of your means as Ananias and Sapphira!
Desire spiritual gifts as Simon!
Wish to die well as Balaam!
Bring an offering as Cain!
Be married to a godly man as Delilah!
Be a Gospel worker as Demas!
Build a temple as Solomon!
Have an angelic visitor as Lot's wife!
Live with God's people as Gehazi!
Hear preaching gladly as Herod!
Make a good resolution as Felix!
Be healed as Asi!
Warned of handwriting as Belshazzar!
Minister in the priest's office as Nadab!
Ask for Prayers as Pharaoh!
Be almost persuaded as Agrippa!
Find no fault with Jesus as Pilate!
Be children of godly parents as Hophni and Phinehas!
Make long prayers as the Pharisees!
Be able to prophesy as Saul!
Have many followers as Theudas!
Have the lamp of profession as the foolish virgins!

. . . And not be saved!

—Mrs. Madge M. Miller.
(From The Christian Digest)

S. L. B. I.

Presented at the request of
G. O. Evenson by J. R. Groettum.

S.L.B.I. seeks to glorify the name of the Saviour. It seeks to build up His church. That church is found in each local congregation. Sometimes we are apt to think today that the chief work of the Kingdom is found in synodical organizations and institutions. Yet the worth of our synodical work can be measured in its contribution to the local congregation and its expression of that work. It is the local congregation that S.L.B.I. seeks to build up.

Much could be said on this point regarding the contribution of S.L.B.I. I could mention the large number of former SLBI students who will enroll at Luther seminary this fall to prepare themselves for the ministry in our church, and undoubtedly they will make a definite contribution to our congregations. I could mention the large number of girls who today are parish workers in our congregations because of training received at SLBI. It would be interesting to know how many of our congregations employed former SLBI students as teachers in Daily Vacation Bible Schools this summer. There is a living stream of Christian influence flowing from SLBI into our congregations.

But real contribution to our local congregations comes from students who through the study of the Word of God and Christian fellowship with both students and faculty, are led into the Christian way of life. At SLBI many of our young people come face to face with Jesus Christ. They come to a living experience of sin and grace. As they leave SLBI they find expression for the life in Christ in the congregation. How many of us have been deeply impressed by the consecrated leadership some of these young people have given in Luther League and Sunday School. How many of us have marvelled at the lives of these students as they have come back into our communities. It is that generation that will give our congregations tomorrow the consecrated lay leadership which we seek. SLBI does serve the local congregation.

—J. R. G.

"BUT WHAT ARE THEY?"

(John 6:9-11)

"The multitude is very great
And our supplies are few;—
Five barley loaves and two small fish,
Master, what shall we do?"

As once short-sighted Andrew felt
When counting up the food;
Despairing what they were to do
To feed the multitude;

So, sometimes when we view the field
Of soul-starved, sin-sick men,
That is to harvest over-ripe,
We, too, despair again:—

"There is so little we can do,
Our talents are so few."
Yet if Thou give Thy blessing, Lord,
This promise still is true:—

"My Word shall never void return,
But fruitful harvest bear."
Then, "Bless our humble efforts,
Lord,"
Shall be our constant prayer.

But we must give to Him our all,
As did the little lad;
Not questioning what he would gain,
He gave Him all he had.

—Gertrude E. Wartchow
Milwaukee, Wis.

C.L.B.I. GROWS

Where God guides, He provides. There has been much evidence of this truth in the history of the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute. Its home is in Camrose, Alberta, where it began to serve nearly fourteen years ago under the Deanship of Rev. Paul Nyholm. The school opened in rented quarters which were used until the need of a building of our own was very evident. An excellent site was provided, a good-sized plot of ground, on which the present building was erected in 1940. It contains two classrooms, library and dean's study on the ground floor, kitchen and dining room in the basement, and girls' dormitory on the second floor.

Truly God has answered the prayers of His children in providing this Bible School. Many are they who turn to Him in gratitude for the good things received in fellowship and study of the Bible here. Much heart searching and humble prayer have accompanied directing of the work and growth of the school, and we are grateful for the faithful service of the board members and teachers who have accepted responsibilities. God has led, step by step. He has provided the men and the means for each step forward.

The men who have served as dean have contributed much, often under trying conditions, to the Lord's work. Rev. Nyholm, Rev. G. M. Trygstad and Rev. C. A. Bernhardson are remembered with thanks to God for their unselfish devotion. The latter has served since before the building of the school was begun. Due to ill-health he found it necessary this summer to resign as dean, but his interest in the C.L.B.I. continues, as does that of others who have served at the school.

It has been felt that God's purpose would better be fulfilled if all the dean's time could be devoted to the C.L.B.I., since until now the dean has served the school in a part-time capacity. Accordingly, a call was extended to Rev. A. M. Vinge of Camrose to serve as full-time dean. He has been led by God to accept the call.

The school has long felt the lack of a boys' dormitory. At a recent special meeting of the C.L.B.I., the decision was made to erect on the grounds a building which would supply this need and also provide the necessary

Topics of Interest

FALSE TEACHERS

False teachers in our congregations! Who are they and what do they teach?

Here is one. Sunday forenoon probably finds him prostrated on his couch devoted to his newspapers, stored up through the week. By example and general attitude this father of the house who should "bring up his children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4) teaches and testifies instead that the Word of God is unimportant; and apt pupils in the school of his home are fast learning. His habitual absence from worship in his congregation, the regular absence of Bible reading in his home, his occasional self-justifying slur on "good church people," comprise the catechism which his sons and daughters learn better than the one Christian teachers try to instruct them in during their irregular attendance. Are you surprised that his teen-age Johnny spent God's money for some of the devil's cheap literature, for reading on the Lord's day? Why blame little Willie for getting so taken up with the "funnies" that he sometimes misses Sunday School? This false teacher has their blood on his hands.

God meant Baptism to be the beginning of a Christian life that should grow and mature through "teaching them to observe whatsoever I have commanded you." But instead of making baptism an incentive for teaching, these heretics in practice make it a pillow for neglect, thus starving the young spiritual life to death and bringing dishonor to the Sacrament.

Many practical heresies rob confirmation of its blessings. Some elders who should help the younger have a man-made, devil-inspired tradition which teaches the "just confirmed" that confirmation is the end of watchful and prayerful Christian living. Now the catechism can be thrown away, the Bible laid aside, for they are ready for their fling in the world. Add to this the demoralizing attitude that the confirmation promise can never be kept and the stage is set for soul murder.

But what about false teachers, ordinarily understood? They would not get to first base if the way had not been prepared for them by false teachers in home and congregation. If our careless Lutheran people repent and live out their Lutheran Bible doctrine in consecrated lives, these proselytizers would stand disarmed, and strongholds of Satan would yield under the impact.

—A. K. H.

Stars may be seen from the bottom of a deep well when they cannot be discerned from the top of a mountain.—Spurgeon.

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

God give us Mothers, this we plead,
To still our woes in hours of need,
To hush with gentle accents blest,
The bitter cry. And soothe to rest
The weary soul. For this we pray,
To Mother's God on Mother's Day.
—John F. Todd.

quarters for the dean and his family. As in the case of other decisions for advance, this action is taken in faith that God will provide our need. He has wonderfully supplied past needs through friends of the C.L.B.I., and we believe that He will do so now as well. God's promise is fulfilled in the C.L.B.I. motto, "If thou wouldst believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God."

—H. F. D. Eriksson, C.L.B.I. Sec'y.

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ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Canada District has been signally blest by two gifts to be used for the instruction of the young. The first was the Honerud estate, the proceeds of which is to be used for Elementary Christian Education.

Another evidence of God's solicitous care for the young is this new gift—The Stokke Memorial Fund. Read the article below and lift your heart in prayer to God for blessings this gift can bring.

In our prayer it is well, too, to remember our Sunday School by Mail. Soon the new school year will open also for that.

STOKKE MEMORIAL FUND

Through the Stokke Memorial Fund a unique offer is being made to the children and young people of our district. Mrs. Marie Stokke has established in honor of her deceased husband, veteran missionary Knut Stokke, a trust fund of over \$1,000 to be used as follows: "Up to \$100.00 a year to give, without charge, a well bound New Testament to anyone, especially children of Sunday School age, who memorizes the Sermon on the mount (Matthew chapters 5, 6, 7)."

The Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute at Outlook has been given the privilege of acting as trustee of these funds, and of supervising the carrying out of this project. Forms will be prepared and sent to those who wish to qualify for one of these Testaments. Pastors, S. S. teachers, parents, encourage your children to make use of this opportunity.

Through this project Mrs. Stokke is honoring her husband, who laid down his life in China in 1921. Thereby she is encouraging children and young people to lay up in their hearts the Word of God. Thereby she is helping to build the Kingdom of God on earth. Undoubtedly it is her prayer that through this project some of those who receive a Stokke Memorial New Testament will go out as foreign missionaries. God grant that all these blessings will become realities.
G. O. Evenson.

A Triumph of Satan: A Parable

Luther says in one of his sermons, "The Devil held a great anniversary at which his emissaries were convened to report the results of their several missions. 'I let loose the wild beasts of the desert,' said one, 'on a caravan of Christians, and their bones are now bleaching on the sands.' 'What of that?' said the Devil. 'Their souls were all saved.' 'I drove the east wind,' said another, 'against a ship freighted with Christians, and they were all drowned.' 'What of that?' said the Devil. 'Their souls were all saved.' 'For ten years I tried to get a single Christian asleep,' said a third, 'and I succeeded, and left him so.' Then the Devil shouted," continues Luther, "and the night stars of hell sang for joy."—Bible Treasury.

Canadian Sunset Home Appeal

Pastor J. T. Dahle of Prince Albert, who is directing the "Canadian Sunset Home Appeal" in Saskatchewan, reports that he has been meeting with some very fine response on the part of many people in the parishes which he has visited. There are quite a few who have referred to the decision to build a modern Home for the Aged as one of the finest things that the Church could possibly do. Age deserves a certain degree of respect, comfort and security, and it's only right that the Church should take steps to make it possible for many to look forward to the days of old age without fear or worry. Folks agree that every possible step should be taken to banish from old age that cloud of depression and unhappiness that seems to threaten it. An attempt should be made to provide an enjoyable, useful and satisfying evening to life for as many of our Aged as possible.

\$80,000 is the goal which has been set for the building of this home. And when our people realize how much it is going to mean in the lives of many who grow old to know that the Church is concerned about them, we are sure that they will want to make their gifts more than generous. It is very much as it should be that the Church is interested in the Aged, and that it does something to provide adequate care for them. Possibly more should have been done earlier, but the present Appeal is a definite opportunity for transferring interest and concern for the Aged into action. It's simply an attempt to do what the Lord of the Church would have us do for those who grow old.

It is also well to remember that there are definite blessings that come to us as we minister and serve the aged in our Church, as Pastor Dahle of the Department of Charities has said. For here are many fine consecrated Christian people continually interceding for a Church that is alive to its ministry. From the several homes for the aged which our Church operates, we have people who are spending much time before the mercy seat interceding for us. And who is there that can measure the value of such a thing? Eternity alone will reveal the results of what a faithful ministry to the aged can mean. Let us pray for grace to be faithful, both as a Church and as individual members of the church.

WORKERS' CONFERENCE SPEAKER

PASTOR ARNOLD THOMPSON

The speaker for the fall workers' conference of the Luther League will this year be a dynamic and energetic young pastor, Arnold Thompson of Windom, Minnesota. He will spend the month of October in our district, conducting these circuit workers' conferences, and also holding several series of evangelistic meetings. The following schedule for the conferences was drawn up by the District Luther League Board:

- Oct. 2—Speaker, SLBI Opening Service, Outlook.
- Oct. 3—Saskatoon Circuit Conference, Saskatoon.
- Oct. 4—Moose Jaw Circuit Conference, Moose Jaw.
- Oct. 5-6—Swift Current Circuit Convention, Frontier.
- Oct. 8—Southern Alberta Circuit Conference and Convention, Claresholm.
- Oct. 9—Camrose Ct., Camrose.
- Oct. 11-17—Peace River Ct., Conference and Evangelistic Meetings.
- Oct. 18-20—Edmonton Ct. Conference and Evangelistic Meetings.
- Oct. 21—Prince Albert Ct. West Conference, Robinhood, Sask.
- Oct. 22—Prince Albert Ct. East Conference, Weldon, Sask.
- Oct. 24—Yorkton Ct. West, Southey, Sask.
- Oct. 25—Yorkton Ct. East, Preeceville, Sask.
- Oct. 26-29—Manitoba Ct., Winnipeg, Evangelistic Meetings.

It has been arranged that Pastor A. M. Vinge will accompany the speaker on the trip to Camrose, Peace River, and Edmonton Circuits.

NOTES TO CIRCUIT PRESIDENTS

The decision was made that the collections taken at each of the conferences should be used first to defray local expenses, and then, the balance sent in to the District treasurer, Rev. M. S. Johnson, Outlook. The train fare of five cents a mile one way was to be paid to the circuit officers and local officers to enable them to attend the conferences. Each car receiving mileage is to be filled with Leaguers insofar as possible. Each circuit treasurer is to send a report of receipts and expenses to the district treasurer after the conferences, together with the balance.

The International Board has recommended that there be a 5.30 p.m. dinner meeting, at which there be given time for consideration of the projects of the L.L., and particular circuit problems, such as L.L. "Echo", "Faith in Action" project, and "Shepherd subscriptions. There is also in each circuit to be an 8 p.m. "Inspiration Service" with the public invited.

Two particular suggestions were given to improve our workers' conferences this year: More time for discussion, and more general publicity. Take Heed!

NOTICE TO ALL PASTORS

All changes in addresses of pastors should be reported promptly to the undersigned, by September 10, 1946. The old and new address should be given. Those who serve as chaplains should also report what address they wish printed in the Almanac.

Please remember your new address must reach us by September 10, the dead-line.

A. J. Bergsaker, General Sec'y.,
408 5th Ave., S.,
Minneapolis 15, Minnesota.

ACCEPTS CALL

Pastor Theodore Maakestad has accepted the call tendered by Central Lutheran Congregation in Edmonton, Alberta. He will begin his work around November 1st.

S.L.B.I. Seeks to Serve the Church

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few."

One does not need a great deal of knowledge regarding the work of the church to realize that these words are as true today as 2,000 years ago when first spoken by Christ. There is a great need for workers, not only Pastors, but also Missionaries, parish workers, lay workers etc. In fact every branch of Church life is in need of workers. Where are they going to come from? There is only one answer to this Question. They must come from within our many congregations, they must come from the ranks of Youth.

S.L.B.I. seeks to serve the church by providing a training ground for these future workers. First of all by assisting them to build their lives on the solid foundation which is Christ. Then through the study of His Word prepare them for taking positions of leadership in their home congregations. S.L.B.I. also seeks to put into the hearts and minds of our youth the vision of the great task of the church to go out into the world with the glorious message of Salvation. It is while at S.L.B.I. that many have heard and answered God's call to the ministry, others have heard the Call of foreign Missions. These will be going to other training grounds some to the Seminary, others to take nurses training, some to train as Doctors. Meanwhile, S.L.B.I. continues to serve the church as the initial training ground for her future workers. —M. B. O.

THE CANADIAN LUTHERAN BIBLE INSTITUTE

The Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute looks to God for means of expansion. The Association has decided that a new dormitory be built. This is a dormitory for boys with a temporary arrangement for quarters for the dean and his family. Later the entire building will be used for boys and a dean's residence is to be built. Several gifts have already come in.

Teachers called to assist the dean are Pastor C. A. Bernhardson, Pastor Peter B. Stolee, and Miss Alice Broughton, who will teach hymnology and direct the choral work.

Complete gas installation for heating and cooking will be provided for this coming school year.

VIL DU HJEM?

En reisende forteller i en gammel bok:

Jeg drev om paa dekket ombord paa et dampskib paa vei til London. Jeg la merke til en pen ung matros som ikke lot til aa være særdeles op-tatt nettop da. Og jeg kjente mig kalt til aa gi ham et lite vidnesbyrd om vaar felles Gud og Frelser.

Jeg gikk derfor bort til ham og spurte hvor han tenkte sig hen efter ankomsten tiil London.

"Det vet jeg ikke riktig," svarte han. "Mitt Hjem er i New York. Nylig fikk jeg brev fra far; og han ber mig komme hjem, da han synes jeg har fart omkring i verden lenge nok nu. Men jeg har ikke bestemt mig paa hvad jeg vil gjøre."

"Deres far er sikkert meget glad i Dem."

"Ja, det er han."

"Ogsaa jeg," sa jeg, "har en Fader som er meget glad i mig; han elsket mig før verdens grunnvold blev lagt. Og jeg har brev fra ham om at han vil ha mig hjem."

"Hvor er hjemmet Deres da?" spurte matrosen.

"Det er i himmelen. Og Gud er min far. Det vet jeg, for han sendte sin enbaarne Sønn til verden for aa si mig det, og for aa vinne mig himmelen."

Da den unge mannen nu ikke svarte noe, fortsatte jeg: "Om De bestemmer Dem for aa gjøre som Deres far vil, hvorledes vil De bære Dem ad med aa komme til ham?"

"Hvorledes? — Selvsagt maa jeg enten kjøpe mig billett eller ogsaa ta hyre og saaledes fortjene overreisen."

"Men jeg behøver ikke aa betale for billett til mitt hjem," sa jeg. "Heller ikke aa arbeide for den. For Jesus, Guds Sønn, har gjort begge deler for mig. Han har betalt for mine synder. —Hvad mener De om en slik far?"

Mannen svarte ikke, men saa ikke uvillig ut.

"Han er Deres far og," sa jeg. "Han elsker Dem, og sendte sin Sønn ogsaa for Dem."

"Men jeg er ingen kristen," sa han.

"Guds ord sier," svarte jeg, "at han den rettferdige, døde for urettferdige."

Han stod litt. — "Ja, det er sikkert nok at jeg er urettferdig. Er det ret De vil ha sagt mig at Jesus døde ogsaa for mig?"

"Ja, det vil jeg gjerne ha sagt Dem, fordi Gud selv har sagt det, i sitt ord. Da er det aa lite paa."

"Han, den rettferdige, døde for urettferdige," hvisket han. "Det høres saa utrolig ut."

"Allikevel er det sant," sa jeg. "Se, her staar det, i I Peter 3, 18: For ogsaa Kristus led én gang for synder, en rettferdig for urettferdige, for aa føre oss frem til Gud."

Den unge mannen bestemte sig, før turen var omme, til aa reise hjem til sin far i New York, og til aa ta imot i tro ordet fra Faderen i himmelen.
(Fra et bytteblad.)

Penger

En gang da jeg var meget ung—og det maa jeg nevne som undskyldning for min store naivitet—sa jeg til en eldre kristen: "Ja, hvilke feil jeg end har, gjerrig tror jeg ikke jeg er."

Hvor forundret blev jeg ikke da han leende la haanden paa min skulder og alvorlig svarte: "Ja, men husk paa at du er en ung mand."

Av Brorson

Skal kjærlighet sin prøve staa, da maa den til din fiende naa; at du er mild naar han er vred, det er en kristen kjærlighet. O Herre Jesus, hjelp du mig av hjertet rett aa elske dig, og komme dig i troen nær, saa faar jeg nok min fiende kjær!

Jeg er den gode Hyrde.
Joh. 10:11

Hyrden

JEG ER DØREN TIL FAARENE.—Joh. 10:7

Den gode Hyrde setter sit
liv til for faarene.
Joh. 10:11

Wadena, Sask., Første No. i September, 1946.

HVA KREVER DET NYE BUD?

13 søndag etter Tref. Johs 13:34-35

“Et nyt bud gir jeg eder, at I skal elske hverandre . . .” Det er det nye buds krav. Kort, let aa huske, og ikke vanskelig aa forstaa er dette evangelium. Det eneste vanskelige maatte være at Jesus kaller dette kravet nytt. For vi har jo alt i det gamle testamente et krav om kjærlighet. Der heter det ikke bare, Du skal elske Herren din Gud av hele ditt hjerte, men ogsaa: du skal elske din neste som deg selv. Og en kinesisk vismann, Laotse, krevet omtrent 600 aar før Kristus, ikke bare kjærlighet til venner, men ogsaa til fiender. Hvorledes kan da Jesus kalle sitt bud nytt? Han forklarer oss dette med de ord hvormed han definerer kvaliteten av vaar kjærlighet: likesom jeg har elsket eder. Det er dette som i Jesu munn gir kjærlighetsbudet nytt liv og ny kraft.

“Likesom jeg har elsket eder, skal ogsaa I elske hverandre.” Disse ord kommer til oss fra den siste kveld i Jesu liv, da hans kjærlighet til sine ga seg slikt hjertegripende uttrykk baade i hans ord og hans handling. Vi ser ham paa kne foran sine disiple. Han vasker deres føtter og tørker dem av med det linklede som om-bandt hans liv. Dette var et uttrykk for Jesu villighet til aa forandre seg selv, til aa tjene, naar han derved kunne rense sine disiple og drage dem opad. Han visste dem—og oss, den tjenende kjærlighet.

Og dagen etter hang han paa korset og tømte den bitre kalk. Hans sjel steg ned i et dypt lidelsens dyp fullt av angst, fordi han elsket oss slik at hans kjærlighet gjorde seg til ett med oss.

Naar vi da hører disse Jesu ord komme til oss: Likesom jeg har elsket eder, skal ogsaa I elske hverandre, er der da noen av oss som ikke kjenner hvordan disse ord blir levende, hvordan de springer like inn paa vaart hjerte, ja, griper det og holder det fast?

En strøm av kjærlighet gikk fra Jesus ut i verden. Den banet seg vei tross alle hindringer og brøt ned de nasjonale skranker, og de sociale som skiller oss mennesker. Og den forenet med fine, men sterke baand alle dem som i Jesus Kristus saa sin felles Herre. Her er ikke jøde eller greker, her er ikke trell eller fri, her er ikke mann eller kvinne, for I er alle ett i Kristus Jesus . . . Den innbyrdes kjærlighet mellom de kristne var en slik levende makt, at den brakte mange hedninger til aa bøye kne for Kristus. Den var den sterkeste anbefaling av Jesu evangelium.

Kan vi si det samme om den kristne brorskjærlighet i vaar tid? I vaar kirke? Neppe. naar vi hører disse Jesu ord: Derpaa skal alle kjenne at I er mine disipler, om I har innbyrdes kjærlighet, da kjenner vi at vi nok har grunn til aa bøye hodet i skam. Vi har grunn til aa sørge over og bekjenne for Gud at det ikke staar bedre til blant oss kristne.

Men hvor der er levende kristendom, der er det ogsaa innbyrdes kjærlighet, og vi takker Gud for de utslag den gir seg i livet. Men den er for svak. Augustin kjente alt i sin tid hvor ufullkommen kjærligheten var i kirken. “Den er ennaa likesom frostbunnen, men vi venter paa en sommer.” Og vi sier det samme: vi venter paa en kjærlighetens sommer. Vi venter og ber om en ny pinse med dugg fra himmelen over de tørre kjærlighetsspirer. Da skal vi faa erfare kjærlighetens makt. Gud gi oss en kjærlighetens sommer.

—H. Arnholt Strand.

FRA SEATTLE TIL NAKNEK

I Vancouver, Seattle, Anchorage og Naknek.

“Gaa derfor ut og gjør folk til disiple . . . Jeg er med eder alle dage.” (Matt. 28:19-20.)

Vi er i sandhet gla over at Gud har kaldt os til at bli Hans budbærere i Alaska. Og løftet som følger Jesu misjonsbefaling gir os frimodighet i gjerningen. Uten Ham kan vi intet gjøre hverken i Alaska eller andre steder. Men naar Han er med os—hvad er der da at være ræd for?

Det var tungt at si farvel til vore venner i Bawlf, Alberta. De var blitt saa kjære for os mens vi opholdt os der. Vi maatte ogsaa si farvel til vore nærmeste slægtninge. Vi var allikevel gla i forvisningen om at Gud vil bruke os for sin saks fremme i Alaska. Min far, pastor A. K. Odland, opfordret mig til at tale ved misjons-gudstjensten i Bawlf den 3dje mars. Dette gjorde jeg med glæde og forsøkte at fortælle om vor Alaskamisjon som var litet kjendt der. Jeg vet at vor misjon har faat mange venner som er med os i sine bønner i Bawlf. Maa Gud velsigne dem.

Den 25de mars var vi paa veien. Vi trodde det vilde bli let at ordne med “pass” eller visa—men vi opdaget snart at dette blev meget indviklet. Da vi endelig blev færdig med dette saa blev vi forsinket paa grund av streik som forhindret dampskipene at seile. Efter at ha raadført mig med pastor B. T. Garbrielsen i Seattle blev vi enige om at reise med fly. Vi forlot Seattle den 25de april og kom til Anchorage om kvelden.

Mens vi var i Vancouver hadde vi den glæde at kunne besøke min hustrus forældre, Mr. og Mrs. J. Anderson, som hadde tat ophold der siste vinter. Vi maa ogsaa nævne Mrs. G. F. Williams, en av Andersons venner, som tog os til sit hjem hvor vi blev behandlet som om vi var medlemmer av familien. Vi takker Gud for denne gjæstfrihet og vi ber om Guds velsignelse for Mrs. Williams. Der er mange fra Saskatchewan og Alberta som for i Vancouver og New Westminster. Blandt disse var der flere kjendte som vi besøkte i deres hjem. I Vancouver talte jeg ved to gudstjenester i First Lutheran Church, hvor pastor A. H. Solheim er prest. Vi deltok ogsaa ved et Luther League møte en kveld. Gud velsignet os ved disse anledninger og ved andre gudstjenester hvor vi fik høre pastor Solheim. Vi blev ogsaa indbudt av pastor Cornelsen til at tale i hans kirke i New Westminster. Det var interessant at besøke Nidaros menighet og vi kjendte Guds nærhet ogsaa der. Fik ogsaa anledning til at tale i The Augustana Church, hvor pastor Olsen hjalp til at gjøre det til en “Alaskakveld” ved at læse et brev han hadde faat fra en ven i Alaska. Vi hadde ogsaa velsignede husmøter hos Mr. og Mrs. B. Nyen og Mrs. Brudvig.

Før vi reiste med fly fra Seattle mødte vi mange av Alaskamisjonens venner der. Den store venlighet vi blev vist i Denny Park menighet var en inspirasjon. Gud har ved pastor Gabrielsen gjort store ting i denne menighet i Seattle.

Da vi ikke før hadde reist i fly var vi ikke svært begeistret for flyveturen. Det var en skuffelse at vi ikke kunde se mere av landskapet. Det var mest skyer og hav vi fik se. Vi fik dog se mange sneklædte fjeldtoppe og dette var et vakkert syn. I Juneau skiftet vi ind paa et fly som var meget mere komfortabelt end det første. Det var en regnfuld dag saa vi ikke fik se andet end fjeldtoppene. Efter 10 timers flyvning fra Seattle naadde vi frem til Anchorage og hadde da tilbakelagt 1200 mil. Dette var tors-

dag den 25de april. Vi maatte vente til den 27de før vi fik enledning til at reise videre med et andet fly til Naknek.

Mens vi ventet i Anchorage besøkte vi pastor og Mrs. Odegard. Vi skal aldrig glemme deres venlighet mot os. De kjørte os rundt byen og den meget vakre omegen, som blir endda mere fager naar trær og græs grønes. Menigheten i Anchorage er nu ifærd med at bygge sin egen kirke.

Paa flyveturen fra Anchorage kunde vi se kystlinjen som saa ut som et vakkert maleri. Fjeldtoppene var snehvite og i det straalende solskin tok det haardt paa øinene at se ned paa sneen. Men de storslagne omgivelser mindet os sterkt om Skaperens herlighet og magt.

Vi kom saa ned paa en flyveplass som er ca. 9 mil fra Naknek. Herfra fløi vi i ep liten “Cub Coupe” som bare tok en passager hver gang. Fra dette fly kunde jeg se elvene rundt Naknek. Landskapet syntes meget øde og uten vegetasjon. Men befolkningen tjener sit levebrød ved fiskeri og “trapping”. Levestandarden kan være lidt lavere end i staterne—men der er ingen mangel paa god og nærrende mat.

Mr. og Mrs. Oscar Brown, som har git et kapel og et to-værelser hus til Landsforbundet mødte os i Naknek. De gav os straks følelsen at vi i var blandt venner. De presenterte os for flere av befolkningen samme dags eftermiddag—og det var meget interessant at faa besøke mange av deres hjem. Vi erfarte den store velsignelse av kristelig broderaand i samværet og samarbeidet med Mr. og Mrs. Brown. Maa Gud velsigne dem i fremtiden og gi dem naade til at utrette store ting for Guds rike.

Vi har nu begyndt med arbeidet her. Maa Gud gi os naade til at bli Hans trofaste vidner.

Eders medarbeidere for at frelse sjæle i Alaska.

—Esther og Adolph Odland.

SOM EN FAR FORBARMER SIG

“Som en far forbarmar sig over sine barn, saa forbarmar Herren sig over dem som frykter ham.”—Salm. 103, 13.

En ung kvinne sat ved sin fars dødsleie. Hun viste—eller fryktet dog for—at han snart skulde kaldes bort fra hende, og hun viste ogsaa at hun i aarenes løp ofte hadde bedrøvet ham og gjort ham imot.—Aa, hvor det smertet hende!—Gid det alt sammen kunde bli ugjort!—Hun viste at hendes far ikke var vred paa hende for dette, men ikke desto mindre: hun maatte ha hans tilgivelse før han lukket sine øine. Hun maatte høre den far hans leber! Mindre kunde hendes sjel ikke nøies med.

Saa bøide den unge kvinne sig ned mot farens hodegjærde og sa med bevende stemme—ganske stille:

“Far, tilgiv mig for alt hvad jeg har gjort dig imot!”

Da hevet de matte armer sig og la sig om datterens hals. Han trak hendes ansikt tett ned til sit og saa hende ind i øinene med et uttryk som datteren aldrig siden glemte, og med svak, men inderlig røst sa han:

“Aa, min pike! Du har aldrig gjort mig imot!”

Datteren viste hun hadde gjort det; men den forbarmende faderkjærlighet bevirket at faren helt hadde glemt det.

Saaledes forbarmar en far sig!

Saaledes vil Gud forbarme sig over sine feilende barn, ti “han kjender vor skapning, han kommer i hu at vi er støv.”

Hvor det er underlig at vi kan tvile paa det!

—Alberta Eltzholtz.

ET BESOK HOS ORSTENS

Den 19de februar 1945 var alle korsangerne far Zion menighet og alle ifra Ibbestad her. De vilde feire mors geburdsdag med sang. Hun var da 78 aar gammel. Hun elskede sang og syntes altid det var saa hyggeligt at de kom.

Nakor Hanson sang en sang tilegnet hende paa gerburdsdagen. Paa hendes 79 fødselsdag kom Ibbestad Kvindeforening med en buket blomster til hende. Hun var meget daarlig den dagen men glad i besøket. Hun laa tilsengs to uker og vi trodde at mor vilde faa hjemlov. Dette var hun glad i. Kun et ønske hadde hundet at faa see sine to sønner som var “overseas”. Dette ønske gikk i oppfylldelse. Mor, som alle kaldte hende, døde den 5te Juli.

Hennes plass er tom og dypt er savnet. Ma Gud velsignes hendes minde.

I kjerlig erindring

John og Mette Orsten.

En Sang tilegnet Mrs. K. Orsten paa fødselsdagen den 19 februar 1945

En hyldest fra Mr. og Mrs. Nakor Hansen

(Tone: Paa Gud Alene)

Med blikket hevet, mod himlens skjønne blaa

Jeg tit har strevet i tanken dit at naa
Hvor jeg skal bære, den krone skjon av guld

Hvor jeg skal lære den sang saa underfuld

Hvor jeg skal være naar jeg er lagt i muld.

Jeg kronen skuer I Jesus haand den er

Som sol den luer saa glimrende og skjær

Og Jesus siger, den skal du engang faa

Naar op du stiger, fra jordens dunkle vraa

Jeg higer altid at staa med krone paa.

Naar engle vrimlen istemmer Lam-mets sang

Da sjelver himlen, den nesten er for trang

Huldt Jesus smiler fra himmel tronen sin

Og bruden hviler saa trygt hos brudgom sin

Jeg iler iler at komme og derind.

O hvilken ære, o hilken hæder stor
Engang faa være hvor himmelkongen bor

O hvilken lykke for jordens usle smaa
I gylden smykke for himmeltronen staa

Og Jesus trykke i favn—vi usle smaa.

Skravet av Nakor Hanson.

Swift Current, Saskatchewan

Tidemand Sundvol fuller 94 aar den 31de August 1946. Han er visst den eldste blandt norskerne her i byen. Han har veret sengeliggende en tid men er igjen ganske bra. Til-ykke med dagen. —G.

Om at dele sit brød

John Maclaren fortalte engang at den fineste forklaring til en preken han noen gang hadde hørt, blev git av en kropsarbeider og lokalpredikant som han ved en anledning hørte. I slutningen av sin preken sa denne mand:

“Venner, dere kan undre dere hvorfor jeg er her for at preke, naar jeg efter en ukes haardt arbeide burde hvile; men her er grunden: Jeg kan ikke spise mit brød alene.”

Har du selv faat opleve frelse, da ønsker du ogsaa at andre maa faa opleve det samme. Og du vil gjøre det du kan for at andre skal faa del i denne lykke.

A STRUGGLE

"Mother, there is a show coming to town, and the whole school will be permitted to be free one afternoon to see it. It is such a good show. It is about a deer, and there is nothing bad in it all. It only costs fifteen cents too. May we go?" Victor stopped all out of breath and looked at his mother and his whole person begged to go.

His mother sighed. There was again that painful struggle against the evil of the movies. Victor's mother was a Christian and she did not believe that a Christian should go to movies at all. For herself, the question was settled a long time ago, but now it was the children's problem. How could they, young as they were, see the issue in it? It is not glory to God any time that His children go to movies.

"I do not know," mother said to Victor, "Let us pray about it."

"Oh Mother, can't we go? Just this time? There is absolutely nothing bad in it—it is from a book—what wrong can there be in it?" Mother said: "Let us talk it over when Lillian and Richard come home", but in her heart she sighed to God, "Lord help me in this struggle—help me to show the children that it is better to stay away from movies." The children too, promised to pray about it, and mother said they could go if they absolutely wanted to. All the time the mother prayed that God would keep them away from it.

The day came when the children were to be free from attending school so that they could see this picture. It was morning, with only a few minutes before morning classes. Lillian took her books and opened the door and Victor asked: "Are you going?" Lillian answered, "No", and went on her way to school. Victor stood there fingering with his books when Richard came into the kitchen. Richard told his mother that he wanted to go and asked for fifteen cents. Mother reached for her purse, but in her heart cried to God, "Will you let him go?" Only one minute till time to go to school—it was a minute of decision. Then Victor lifted his head and looked at Richard and said: "I am not going to the movies" and he took his books and went out the door. "Then I am not going either", said Richard and he too went to school.

But mother?—her heart was singing. Her heart was praising God! (A true incident in a Canadian Home.) Written for the Shepherd.

What! Rest, ease here! In the ministry or Christian work! There is not rest here. Now is the time for battle, for work. Heaven will be our rest. Now is the time for steady, prudent, arduous, unflinching effort.

—D. L. Moody.

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"Walk while ye have light, that darkness overtake you not." John 12: 35.

Today Jesus would speak in all earnestness to you who have postponed your conversion every time you have been called of God. He would speak to you about the greatest danger involved in living as an unconverted person.

What do you think is the greatest danger facing you? In all likelihood you fear sudden death more than anything else. It would prevent you from repenting at the very last. But that is not the greatest danger, says Jesus. For God can ward off sudden death. But there is one danger that He cannot ward off from you. The Bible calls it hardening of the heart. This refers to the cumulative, though quiet, effect that seeing the light without yielding to it has upon your soul. Hardening of the heart means that you harden yourself against your conscience, that you have convictions without following them. By so doing you first lose your capacity for following your convictions and then your faculty for possessing a conviction. When the latter state is reached, Almighty God himself has no way of helping you. Why are you unconverted today? Because there was always something hindering you, something which prevented you from following your conviction. Why do you not repent today? There is not a great deal that is keeping you from doing so. But these little things are enough to keep you from following your convictions. Have I not already hardened my heart, some one may ask? No, your fear of this shows that the Spirit of God is still at work within you. But do not permit this to become a new temptation to you to postpone conversion.—Hallesby.

THE SUNSET HOME

The drive for funds for the new Sunset Home to be built in Saskatoon is now on. Everyone is being given an opportunity to give to this project, but this article is directed mainly to the Ladies' Aids in Canada District which number close to 200; also to the LDR organizations throughout the District. About a year ago, the district secretary for the Department of Charities of the W.M.F. made a suggestion in her talk over radio station CFQC. From figures shown in "The Shepherd" we find that two of the Ladies' Aids have acted in the suggestion, by sending in \$50.00 each for the building of this new Sunset Home. Twenty-nine Ladies' Aids have contributed smaller sums, making an average over all of \$12.50. Would it not be possible for the other Ladies' Aids to act on those suggestions now! The need is urgent. The present home is unsuitable for the dear old people who occupy it. It is a wooden frame building, much too small, with few if any modern conveniences, and it is not fireproof. Think what it would mean in the way of comfort and safety for the aged to have a new home.

Mrs. Hendrickson, the W.M.F. president of Canada District, visited the Zion and Battle River congregations, north of Chauvin, Alta., on July 2, 1946. She met with the ladies of Zion congregation in the afternoon at the home of Carl Nelson. In her message dealing with the various phases of the work, she stressed the need of daily family devotions and a strong prayer life in each Christian home.

Much new material from head office was shown and subscriptions to the church papers were urged.

In the evening a number of the ladies of Battle River congregation gathered in the church. Mrs. Hendrickson again stressed the need for earnest prayer life in the homes of

today as an effective means of defense against the evils of today. The various departments were explained and hope was expressed that active work would soon begin again.

—Gordon Hendrickson.

HISTORY OF CAMROSE CIRCUIT W.M.F. (Cont'd.)

1935—The annual meeting was held at Camrose, July 4. Mrs. P. Stolee led the devotional and asked for prayers for the missionaries. Thirteen aids were represented. The reports were accepted: Mission boxes, Mrs. Olesberg, \$133.54; thankoffering, Mrs. Norvik, \$80.83; self denial, Mrs. Tveit, \$109.82. The officers were re-elected, with department secretaries as follows: Mission box, Mrs. Boness; thankoffering, Mrs. Norvik; self denial, Mrs. Eggen; cradle roll, Mrs. N. Carlson; in memoriam, Mrs. Nystrom. The directors were also re-elected with Mrs. Vikse replacing Mrs. Stolee from Donald. Rev. P. Stolee spoke on II Tim. and stressed faith and trust in God. The collection was \$25.90.

1936—The annual meeting was held in Camrose July 2, with Mrs. Scotvold leading in devotion. Thirteen aids were represented. Mission box, Mrs. Boness, \$68.17; thankoffering, Mrs. Norvik, \$58.92; self denial, Mrs. Eggen, \$62.87. The convention voted \$10.00 as a memorial for Mrs. P. B. Anderson. Officers were: Pres., Mrs. L. Bergum; vice-pres., Mrs. Thos. Bratrud, Holden; sec.-treas., Mrs. G. Hoyme, Camrose. Department secretaries: Mission box, Mrs. J. Walker; thankoffering, Mrs. Norvik; self denial, Mrs. K. O. Eggen, Bawlf; cradle roll, Mrs. A. Tveit; in memoriam, Mrs. G. Hendrickson. The directors were re-elected. Mrs. Holstad gave a talk stressing our responsibilities, our influence in the home and church, and emphasized the main purpose, that of "Saving Souls". The collection was \$28.64.

1937—The annual meeting was held in Camrose, July 1, Mrs. Tveit leading in devotion. An increase in giving in our departments is shown by the following: Mission box, \$133.59; thankoffering, \$110.96; in memoriam, \$16.00; cradle roll, \$15.00. Mrs. Bergum, the president, made a few remarks encouraging co-operation in Christian work. The officers were re-elected, with Mrs. Horte, Kingman, as mission box secretary and Mrs. Lomnes, Armana, as thankoffering secretary. The directors were Mrs. Trygstad, Mrs. Hilde, Mrs. C. Vikse, Mrs. Lystig, Mrs. B. Ostrem. Fifteen aids were represented. The president explained our project to support a Bible woman in China outside of the budget which would enable us to get a report directly from the field. A motion was passed that we have a summer convention and that the executive make plans and set the time. Miss Alice Stolee spoke on the work of the LDR. Rev. Klyve spoke on "Take Heed Unto Thyself" under the following headings: 1. Take heed to thy relation with God; 2. Be true to the light you have; 3. Take heed to your prayer life; 4. Be true to your objective; 5. Take heed to your conduct in the world. The collection was \$23.81, half of which was given to the Camrose Week expenses. Mrs. Sorhus urged the aids to write their histories. The Circuit was divided in 1937, seven aids in Bardo, Kingman and Tofield were taken into the Edmonton Circuit, and seven from the Provost district were added to Camrose.

1938—The W.M.F. convention was held in Asker church May 28. Mrs. Bergum presiding. The LDR met with us. Rev. Solheim preached on "Lovest Thou Me" at the morning session. The officers were re-elected. Department secretaries: Mission box, Mrs. P. Kvien, Vang, Millet; in memoriam, Mrs. Eli Olson, Edberg; box work, Mrs. O. Molstad, Bawlf; historian, Mrs. B. Ostrem. Directors: Mrs. J. W. Vold, Asker; Mrs. K. Vikse, Donald; Mrs. M. S. Johnson, New Norway; Mrs. Ed. Peterson, Wetaskiwin; Miss Petra Kringlen, Kingman. A letter was read from Mrs. Anna Lee Wold acknowledging money sent to China for the Bible woman. It had provided enough funds for two Bible women and salary for one native teacher for the spring term in the Bible School. Twelve aids were represented. The collection was \$21.10.

1939—The annual convention was held at Bawlf on April 22. Rev. Lerseth gave the sermonette. The topic of the convention was "Christian Living". The officers elected: President, Mrs. A. Hovland; vice-pres., Mrs. T. Bratrud; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Eli Olson. Department secretaries: Thankoffering, Mrs. E. Johnson; cradle roll, Mrs. Nystrom; mission box, Mrs. P. Kvien; in memoriam, Mrs. C. Vikse; box work, Mrs. Eggen; historian, Mrs. Ness, Wetaskiwin.

1940—The annual meeting was held at Vang Church, May 25. In the absence of the president, the vice-president took charge. The LDR

met together with the W.M.F. It was the fortieth anniversary of the Vang Ladies' Aid. Mrs. Kandal led the opening devotion. The convention theme was "Faith in Action". Rev. Kandal spoke on Hebrews 11:8. Officers elected were: Pres., Mrs. Hovland, Camrose; vice-president, Mrs. Skaret, Armana; sec.-treas., Mrs. N. E. Pearson, Wetaskiwin. Department secretaries: Mission box, Mrs. Kvien; cradle roll, Mrs. Huseby, Holden; in memoriam, Mrs. L. Grue, Hay Lakes; historian, Mrs. Proctor Paulsen, Asker; thankoffering, Mrs. E. Johnson, New Norway; box work, Mrs. K. O. Eggen, Bawlf. Directors: Mrs. L. Bergum; Mrs. Thronson; Mrs. A. A. Kallevig; Mrs. Eli Olson; Mrs. Otto Lantz. Mrs. B. Stolee was elected honorary president. A letter from Mrs. Anna Lee Wold was read acknowledging \$55.00 for the Bible Woman. Mission boxes brought in \$161.55; in memoriam, \$20.00. Box work, Mrs. Eggen reported several articles from various aids for the old people's home at Bawlf. Historian's report was read by Mrs. Edvik. There were eight histories and 15 snaps. There were 26 delegates and 35 visitors. The offering was \$18.49.

Another W.M.F. meeting was held in the Lutheran Church at Camrose July 11th. Mrs. Scotvold of Minneapolis gave a talk, stressing that we should live on the faith of Jesus Christ in all our undertakings.

1941—The annual convention was held at Wetaskiwin, May 17. Rev. Kandal led in devotion, basing his meditation on Luke 8:5-14, stressing that we should "Watch and Pray" for the young people and that the Bible should be an open book in our homes. Five dollars was donated to the building fund of the Sunset Home at Bawlf. The officers were re-elected with Mrs. T. T. Jevne as treasurer and Mrs. Brager, Ohaton, as mission box secretary. The directors, Mrs. J. Olson, Mrs. B. L. Gullickson, Mrs. John Westberg, Mrs. Joe Gunderson and Mrs. N. Fremstad.

1942—The annual convention was held at Scandia church May 16. Rev. Rude led in devotion, taking as his topic, "We Should All be Workers in His Kingdom and Walk in Faith of God." Mrs. Bergum's paper was read by Mrs. Westberg. It dealt with power which, as referred to in the Bible, means spiritual power. "Walking in Unity with God" was developed by Mrs. O. P. Larson, and "Walking in Obedience with God" was discussed by Mrs. G. Hoyme. The officers were re-elected with Mrs. O. P. Larson as president. Mrs. G. Hendrickson, W.M.F. president of Canada District, gave a short talk on taking God with us in all our undertakings. It was voted to give half of the collection to the twenty-fifth anniversary of the W.M.F. Mrs. T. T. Jevne reminded every aid to send their \$5.00 for the Bible woman and \$1.00 for expenses. There were 17 delegates and 75 visitors. The collection was \$29.64.

(To be Concluded)

"God Bless Our Home"

Many homes have this or some similar motto on the wall, but how many homes have the actual indwelling presence of Jesus Christ because the inmates have opened their hearts to Him? We read of a wealthy man who purchased at high cost a famous painting of Jesus. He sought, with difficulty, an appropriate place for it on the walls of his home. At last he called in an architect who, after carefully examining the house and the picture said: "Man, you cannot fit this picture into your home! You must make a home to fit it!" Just as surely we must so order our home life that it would be appropriate to invite Jesus to abide therein.—Evangelical Messenger.

"It is a lofty thing to be a Christian, for a Christian is a man who is restoring God's likeness to his character."—F. W. Robertson.

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